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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC, GOCAR HAS PROVIDED EXTENSIVE RADIO COMMENTARY JUSTIFYING DECISION. MUCH OF THIS CONSISTS OF PRAISE FOR THE PRC AND CHAIRMAN MAO, TO WHOM PRESIDENT BOKASSA IS COMPARED. THE COMMENTARY LAYS THE BREAK OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC TEN YEARS AGO TO "REASONS OF INTERNAL SECURITY" AND TO "A QUARREL QUITE FREQUENT AMONG NATIONS NOWADAYS." THE PRC'S THIRD WORLD CREDENTIALS ARE LAUDED, PARTICULARLY ITS SUPPORT IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND AGAINST THE GREAT POWERS. CHINESE AID TERMS AND DISINTERESTED NATURE ARE COMPARED FAVORABLE TO THOSE OF "CERTAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES," WITH THE TANZAM RAILROAD MENTIONED

SPECIFICALLY. FINALLY, THE COMMENTARY ARGUES THAT THE
PRC IS A REALITY, EVIDENCE OF WHICH IS FOUND IN ITS
ADMITTANCE TO THE UN AND NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS
WITH GREAT POWERS SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES.

2. ROC AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY STAFF AND AID TECHNICIANS
ARE NOW ALLOWED TO MOVE ABOUT TOWN WITH A POLICE ESCORT.
LARGE CONTINGENT DEPARTED TODAY; REMAINDER WILL LEAVE FRIDAY
AND SATURDAY, LEAVING THE KOREAN EMBASSY HERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
DISPOSING OF WHAT MOVABLE PROPERTY THEY MUST LEAVE BEHIND.
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